

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2337 - SB 2822

March 17, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends the Dental Practice Act to allow a dental hygienist to administer a local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia if directed by a licensed and registered dentist. The Board of Dentistry is to implement rules to govern the practice.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- some increased expenditures to the Board of Dentistry to develop rules and regulations and to provide oversight of the process.
- the Board of Dentistry will not place restrictions on who can provide training for dental hygienists, and that such training can be obtained through continuing education.

For information purposes, the Tennessee Board of Regents has stated that in the event training is restricted to the UT School of Dentistry and East Tennessee State University, College of Public and Allied Health, an increase in state expenditures will occur to develop a curriculum and to procure necessary equipment. The Board estimates this amount to be \$267,000 in one-time costs and \$120,000 in recurring expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director